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USE OF FUEL GAS DEVELOPED

GEORGIA USES FUEL GAS FOR AUTOMOBILES -- Zarya Vostoka, No 41, 1 Mar 49

The use of local fuel resources for automobile transport is of great importance in USSR economy. A very valuable substitute for gasoline is liquefied fuel gas, a waste product of petroleum refineries, and chemical and other plants. This waste product is sometimes burned in furnaces, but often is simply disposed of. Georgia also has large resources of natural gas, which is not always used to the fullest extent. There are many possibilities for widespread use of gas as automobile fuel.

The "Gruzneft" Trust must handle the problem of procuring natural gas. Batumi Petroleum Refinery workers can do much to secure better utilization of waste gas from their plant. Finally, coke gas from the Rustavi Metallurgical Plant can be used by the nitrogen fertilizer plant and as motor fuel.

The Ministry of Automobile Transport Georgian SSR should further the development of gas-operated automobiles. There are automobile fleets of the Ministry in many Georgian cities, often in the vicinity of gas sources.

Conversion of carburetor motors to gas-operated motors is not difficult, as was proved by the Gorkiy Automobile Plant imeni Molotov, where liquefied gas was used for the first time in the Soviet Union. The use of fuel gas in automobiles, tractors, and various motor installations has passed the experimental stage and is now widely practiced in the Soviet Union.

"KIROVABADNETT" TRUST HAS HIGH PRODUCTION -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 23,
4 Feb 49

Technological processes in the exploitation of petroleum wells of "Kirovabadneft" Trust have been improved. The workers have fulfilled the January quota, achieving the average extraction level for 1949. At present, the daily quota is being fulfilled by the Trust 102.5 percent.

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KUYBYSHEV COMPLETES 1948 PETROLEUM PLAN -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 2, 4 Jan 49

The Ministry of Petroleum Industry has announced the fulfillment of the plan for 1948. Production reached 119.3 percent of 1947 production.

The Kuybyshev Oblast petroleum industry completed the Five-Year plan in 3 years.

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